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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist #1197

RE:

Site Inspection, Daddy Dearest Mine, M/015/046, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

April 29, 1993

Time of Inspection:

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Conditions:

Sunny, cool

Participants:

Neil Simmons, BLM; David Taylor, Miracle Rock Mining and

Research; Holland Shepherd, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: The BLM has asked the Division for assistance in resolving a site maintenance problem with the operator, Mr. Tom Clark. This inspection was performed to evaluate the current status of the site, and to determine the existence of any outstanding

maintenance problems.

Mr. Neil Simmons, of the San Rafael Resource Area, BLM, has asked that the Division initiate formal notice to the Daddy Dearest operator, for the purpose of bringing the operation into compliance with state and federal requirements. Mr. Simmons has been unsuccessful in getting a response from the operator, concerning the clean up and reclamation of the site. Mr. Simmons is concerned that the operators lack of response may mean that the site is abandoned.

Some of the operator's old pieces of mining equipment remain on site: two rusting truck bodies and two large storage silos.

The mine contains one portal, which has not been used in several years.

Apparently, the operator has not been mining underground, but has been doing a small amount of surface mining, by shaving off the side of a small hillside. Mr. David Taylor, who accompanied us on this trip, indicated that the mine has been active at least once a year, and that the operator was getting product from it.

I recommend that the Division attempt to contact Mr. Clark and ask him if he is still interested in maintaining the mine site.

